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In re application of )  
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GEORGE F. FANTA ET AL. )  
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Formation of Hydrophilic )  
Polysaccharide Coatings on )  
Hydrophobic Substrate )  
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Serial No. 10/849,977 )  
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Filed May 20, 2004 )

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Examiner M.D. Bissett

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The Honorable  
The Commissioner of Patents  
Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This is in response to the U.S. Patent & Trademark  
Office Action (FINAL REJECTION) dated December 13, 2005.  
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are  
requested for the reasons that follow.